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SPECIAL MEETING STAFF REPORT APRIL 4, 2022

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Agenda Item No. V

To: Board of Directors
From: Dave Andres, General Manager
Subject: Sewer Lateral Policy
Date: March 31, 2022

Background: At your last meeting William Waters, as a private citizen, requested a discussion of the policy on maintenance of sewer laterals and how it related to his particular situation. A *sewer lateral* is the pipe that connects an individual house or houses to the District's main sewer pipeline for transport to the wastewater treatment plant. The attached staff report from the Chief Plant Operator provides the background information on this particular situation and the policies currently in place to address customer issues relating to who has responsibility for blockages and repairs. Our current policies are not as clear cut as we would like them to be, but generally require the property owner to be responsible for *upper lateral* repairs on the private property where an approved cleanout is located. The *lower lateral* would be the responsibility of the District in the public right-of-way. In the current situation an *approved cleanout* was not found, and the blockage was determined to be on the private property portion of the lateral.

Discussion: As you are aware our recent capital improvement program for the collection system provides for the relocation and improvement of sewer laterals as part of the state grant funding process. Moving forward I think we can cleanup a large number of sewer lateral situations within the District with the proposed new construction. As part of our phase 1 collection system project, we are installing two-way cleanouts at the property lines. This will allow the District to maintain the lower portion of the sewer lateral and the homeowner to maintain the upper portion of the lateral. The next phase of our construction is to upgrade the Northern Carter Basin which would include the subject property. We will consult with Mr. Waters during the design phase of this project in order to address any future issues with this particular sewer lateral.

Fiscal Impact: No additional costs are anticipated.

Attachment(s): Report by the Chief Plant Operator,

Recommendation: Continue to operate under our current policies and correct sewer lateral issues as part of our capital improvement program.

Recommended Motion: No action required.

BOARD ACTION:

<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution No _____	Moved by: _____	Second by: _____
_____ AYES	_____ NOES	_____ ABSTAINED
_____ ABSENT	<input type="checkbox"/> No Action Taken	